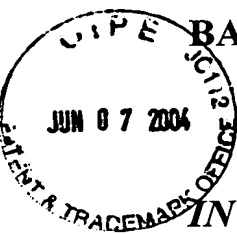


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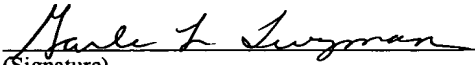
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for response. Our check in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) in the amount of \$55 is enclosed. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional amounts due for this response or to credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our file number 32993-72730. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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